Low water level of rivers

†290. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the water level of rivers in the country continue to fall;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any steps to bring up water level of rivers; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The analysis of average annual flow data does not indicate falling trend in the water level of the rivers.

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श्री रुद्रनारायण पाणि (उड़ीसा): सर, नन्दीग्राम के ऊपर चर्चा। ...(व्यवधान)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let us do some business. *(Interruptions)*. पहले पेपर्स तो ले करने दीजिए। ...(**व्यवधान**)... इसमें आपका क्या ओब्जेक्शन है? ...(**व्यवधान**).

Notifications of the Ministry of Finance

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 296 of the Income-Tax Act, 1961 together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:—

(1) S.O. 762(E), dated the 14th May, 2007, publishing the Income-Tax (4th Amendment) Rules, 2007.

(2) F.No. 142/6/2007-TPL dated the 21st May, 2007, publishing the circular about the option to certify TDS certificates by way of Digital Signatures.

(3) S.O. 849(E) dated the 30th May, 2007, publishing the Income Tax (5th Amendment) Rules, 2007.

(4) S.O. 850(E) dated the 30th May, 2007, publishing the Income-Tax (6th Amendment) Rules, 2007.

(5) S.O. 851(E) dated the 30th May, 2007, authorizing CCITs and DGITs to act as Prescribed authority for the purpose of sub-clause (iv) and (v) of clause (23C) of section 10 of the Income Tax Act *w.e.f.* 1st of June, 2007.

(6) S.O. 852(E) dated the 30th May, 2007, authorizing CCITs and DGITs to act as prescribed authority for the purpose of sub-clause (vi) and (vi a) of clause (23C) of section 10 in relation to any university or other educational institutions or any hospital or other medical institution.

(7) S.O. 853(E) dated the 30th May, 2007, publishing the Income-Tax (7th Amendment) Rules, 2007.

(8) S.O. 861(E), dated the 1st June, 2007, notifying the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme, 2004.

(9) S.O. 1044(E) dated the 27th June, 2007, publishing the Income-Tax (8th Amendment) Rule, 2007.

(10) S.O. 1281(E), dated the 27th July, 2007 publishing the Electronic Furnishing of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Return of Income Scheme, 2007.

(11) S.O. 1355(E) dated the 3rd August, 2007, specifying fifteen years Zero Coupon Bond of Power Finance Corporation (PFC) to be issued on or before 31st March, 2009.

(12) S.O. 1356(E) dated the 3rd August, 2007, specifying Cost Inflation Index for the financial year commencing from 1st April, 2007 and ending on 31st March, 2008.

[Placed in Library. For (1) to (12) *See No.* L.T. 7968/07].

Notifications of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs

THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): Sir, I lay on the Table:—

(I) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs under section 40 of the Company Secretaries Act, 1980:—

(1) G.S.R. 489(E), dated the 17th July, 2007, regarding establishment of a Tribunal to decide the dispute under section 10A of the Company Secretaries Act, 1980 in the matter of election dispute. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 7969/07].

(2) G.S.R. 490(E), dated the 17th July, 2007, regarding establishment of a Quality Review Board under section 29A of the Company Secretaries Act, 1980. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 7970/07].

(II) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, under section 30B of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949:—

(1) G.S.R. 448(E), dated the 28th June, 2007, regarding establishment of a Quality Review Board under section 28A of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949.

(2) No. 1-CA(7)/102/2007(E) dated the 17th August, 2007, publishing the Chartered Accountants (Amendment) Regulations, 2007. [Placed in Library. For (1) and (2) *See* No. L.T. 7971/07].

(III) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Minitry of Corporate Affairs, Notification S.O. 1693(E), dated the 3rd October, 2007, regarding establishment of a Quality Review Board, under section 40 of the Cost and Works Accountants Act, 1959. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 7254/07].

Notifications of the Ministry of Finance

SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM: Sir, I lay on the Table:—

(I) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under proviso to article 309 of the Constitution, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notification:—

(1) G.S.R. 340(E) dated the 11th May, 2007, publishing the Customs and Central Excise Settlement Commission (Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Members) Amendments Rules, 2007.

(2) G.S.R. 341(E) dated the 11th May, 2007, publishing the Settlement Commission (Income-tax/Wealth-tax) Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Members) Amendments Rules, 2007. [Placed in Library. For (1) and (2) *See* No. L.T. 7972/07].